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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1895.

TELEGRAMS.

THE PEACE PROPOSALS.

LONDON, March 13th.
The Times correspondent at Peking states that China, through the medium of the American Ministers at Peking and Tokyo, has already agreed to many points which will be under discussion at the peace conference. These points include the autonomy of Korea, the cessation of territory and the payment of an indemnity.

In his pamphlet entitled *Corea and the Powers*, published at the office of the *Shanghai Mercury*, in the fall of 1886, Mr. Chesnut Duncan set forth in the plainest language possible that the autonomy of Korea was the key-note to the settlement of the Far Eastern or, as it is usually termed, Korean Question. Until Korea is transformed from a seething bed of intrigue, infidelity, corruption and vile barbarism into a peaceful neutral zone, it is idle to look for the maintenance of peace with honour in Eastern Asia. The policy of neutrality, which has sufficed for Switzerland, a happy and prosperous State to-day, should be equally fitted for Korea, and the sooner this fact is generally admitted the better will it be for all who have important political and commercial interests at stake in the Far East.—Ed., H.K.T.

THE WAR.

The Chinese have been driven out of Den-shodai (Yinkow) with a loss of 1,400.

(Special to Shanghai Mercury.)

LIT'S PRIVATE ADVISER.

PEKING, March 5th.
Mr. W. N. Pethick will go to Japan with Viceroy Li Hung-chang, he having been appointed private adviser to Li's interpreter.

LI HUNG-CHANG "SCORES."

LI HUNG-CHANG now enjoys supreme favour, not only with the Emperor and the Empress Dowager, but with all the high officials as well. All Li Hung-chang's rivals have been dispersed, and he is successful in maintaining

truce of peace, great reforms are to take place in the Empire, the carrying out of which are to be left in the hands of those who are now endeavouring to effect the change.

NO ARMISTICE!

There are great prospects of peace, but no armistice is to be proclaimed till after the conference has been held in Japan.

LIT'S CREDENTIALS.

Li Hung-chang, who goes to Japan as Envoy Extraordinary, holds the fullest powers, bearing the Imperial Despatch. There have been accepted by Japan.

AN IGNORANT BIGOT OVERCOME.
Wine Tung-ho, the Emperor's Tutor, an old foe to progress, is now discomfited, and there is a complete change of sentiment amongst most of the high officials.

THE TAKING OF NEWCHANG.

THE CHINESE MAKE A DESPERATE RESISTANCE.
YOKOHAMA, March 7th.
General Nodda, in a telegram dated Hancheng, March 10th, states:—According to arranged plans, the Japanese army attacked Newchwang (the Chinese town of that name, not the Foreign Settlement) on the 4th inst. The fifth division of the Japanese army, coming from the south-east, and the third division coming from the north, attacked the place at 10 a.m., and by noon both divisions entered the city. A portion of the enemy fled, soon after the fighting commenced, to Newchwang (proper). The greater part of the Chinese occupied the houses and streets, making a most obstinate resistance, and during the time some desperate street fighting took place. The Japanese experienced great difficulty in dislodging the Chinese, but gradually, street by street, they drove them out and took possession of the place. By eleven at night the Chinese were all driven off, leaving 1880 killed and wounded scattered about. Six hundred prisoners and eighteen guns were taken by the Japanese, besides a quantity of rifles and other arms, ammunition, banners, provisions, etc. The Japanese had upwards of 200 killed and wounded.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

BROADWOOD PIANOS at W. Robinson & Co.

A MEETING of the Sanitary Board will be held to-morrow at 4 15 p.m.

GRAVE-DIGGERS are like reporters; they do a lot of work that is beneath them.

AN Emergency meeting of Perseverance Lodge, No. 1165, F.C., will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

New Comic Song and Dance Albums at W. Robinson & Co.

H.M.S. *Plowee* left Shanghai on the 1st inst. for Tientsin to relieve the *Linnet*, which proceeds to Hongkong to re-commission. The *Plowee* will eventually be relieved by the *Swift*. H.M.S. *Porpoise* left Shanghai on the 4th for Taku.

CAPT. F. DAVIS, lately in command of the Shanghai river steamer *Fukuo*, is going home on leave. He came out to the Far East first in 1873 in the river steamer *Shanghai* and, except during the time he has been on leave, has been running on the Yangtze ever since, either as chief officer, pilot or (latterly) as captain.

COLLARD & COLLARD PIANOS at W. Robinson & Co.

THE *Americana*, 4-masted Hawaiian schooner, and the pilot boat *Boula* were in collision on the night of the 2nd inst. The latter was at anchor in the lower Shanghai river and the *Americana* was bound for Tientsin with railway plant and materials. The pilot boat lost both her masts and is now at Shanghai refitting.

It's a very ill wind that blows nobody some good. Witness the effect of the China-Japan war on the traffic receipts of the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company which for the month of January amounted to £41,315 as compared with £39,677 in the corresponding period of 1894, or an increase of £1,638.

W. ROBINSON & Co., piano builders, tuners and repairers.

On the 15th ult. in the Reichstag, in the course of a violent speech relative to the recent "Elbe" disaster, Herr Bebel, a Socialist Deputy, alleged that the steamers of the North-German Lloyd line were deficient in life-saving apparatus, and that the seamen employed upon them were not used to boat drill. He demanded that shipping companies should be placed under Imperial control. Dr. von Boetticher, Secretary of State for the Interior, denied these charges, and declined to extend the control of the Government over the shipping companies.

New piano repairing machinery, received by W. Robinson & Co.

Mr. Tan Hup Leong, a partner of the Singapore firm of Messrs. Tan Kim Tian & Sons, was to leave the sister colony on the 4th by the *Yong* on a voyage round the world. He goes to Penang, and through India, thence to Marseilles, Paris, Germany, and England, returning by the way of America, Japan, China and Hongkong within eight months. He is the first young Straits-born Chinaman, who has undertaken such a long journey for pleasure, and is furnished with letters of introduction from several members of the Straits mercantile community, chiefly from Messrs. Paterson Simons & Co., and has taken the precaution to carry with him a certificate setting forth that he is a British subject.

FULL stock of banjos, mandolines, guitars, accordions, strings and fittings of all kinds at W. Robinson & Co.

REFERRING to the recent croakings of a certain Shanghai shareholder, or alleged shareholder, whose letter to the *N. C. Daily News* our weak-kneed morning contemporary reproduced without comment, a correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* says:—"And *allem parlem* is a good saying. Put yourself in the place of a Bank director, look at the matter from his standpoint, and the unreasonableness of the carping shareholder is manifest. It is just because there is every prospect of succeeding half-years falling short of the recent fat one that every conscientious director owes it to himself to make timely provision in the present; and, if he knows that the Board gets \$30,000 per annum irrespective of results, he can look on the affairs of the Bank with that cool insouciance which is essential to its welfare. The only wonder to me, on reading the report of the Hongkong meeting, is that the directors did not vote themselves a golden status apiece, and then divide the reserve fund."—The correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* is, we take it, an impudent, ignorant and ill-informed scoundrel who has had to try, and is cooking them as fast as he can.

JOHN BULL AT THE TELEPHONE.

A POLITICAL MEDLEY.

Scene: The Court of St. James in the city of London, shortly after receipt of information on the 22nd ultimo that there were "symptoms" in Alameda which recalled the events proceeding the massacre in 1882. There had been a great influx of Bedouins to the outskirts of the city and the agents of the Khedive were distributing largesse to, and enlisting Bedouins in the Khedival body-guard. The French papers had attacked Lord Cromer and the British policy and the *Journal de Debats* justified the discontent expressed by the Khedive and Ministers.

JOHN BULL (after ringing up the telephone furiously): Say there, France! Are you still wry-ling about my army occupation? I like your little game at bluff. Think I don't know you're at the bottom of all these rascally intrigues and this transferable bluster! You'd better draw in your horns quickly or I'll trouble—What? What say? Great Heavens! that you, Cass? Why, I thought I'd got President Fave on the other end of the wire. You'd better turn to and interview your Minister for Foreign Affairs. He seems to be only half alive to your important interests in Far Eastern Asia. If he's not kept up to the mark, you'll find yourself out in the cold when the scramble for a port or two in Korea comes off in the near future. That's a friendly tip! which you can think over and act on if you think the play worth the candle. But ring off now, as I wish to converse with France with my indignation. If I can only hold of the Head of the State. It's no business of yours anyhow, so you'd better leave us alone. What? No, I don't want to parley with you about Egypt; that's altogether beyond your sphere. Er—had enough to have to settle other questions with you that are looming on the political horizon. (Rings up again and pauses) Ah! You do you, J. B. Confound it, Kaiser! I hate you "catching" all that's going on? KAISER: It was me, mein friend.

JOHN BULL: Confound you! I mean it—the international telephone exchange. I'm trying to get hold of France. Didn't intend to swear at you, but those blessed Rookies have been worrying my soul out, hence the *l'apropos lingua*.

KAISER: Mein Gott! Vor a coincidence dat you! I'll ring off, and then you get switched out to France.

JOHN BULL (after another furious ringing up): Hello! That you, Fave?

FAVE: Yes, the line of communication between us appears to have been displaced in some way. What is it?

JOHN BULL: Look here, this sort of thing won't do. I put up with a great deal, just for the sake of peace, in 1894, when you kicked up such a row about Siam, and more recently in Madagascar. To-day you come and express your "winked" the other eye, for a very long time past (aside to Lord Rosebery) at the cost of Siam and our own prestige, I'm afraid!—and you ought to be satisfied with small mercies in these hard times. Seeing that I've given you a pretty free hand in Siam, and have deliberately shut my eyes to your outrageous pretensions—to use plain English—in Madagascar, you should give me an absolutely free hand in Egypt.

FAVE: Confound your impudence! Why would I have made the Siam question a *casus belli* long ago if you had dared, or had been only half ready for our skillfully and successfully planned coup instead of being half asleep (as usual) or up to your neck in Home Rule agitations and in propping up the tottering Dragon Throne. Think I don't know that you would have set the clock to clean on the Eastern Asia leg if you'd been ready at the right moment? Anyhow, the latest developments in Egypt can't be put down to France's account—with impunity! You'd better "go slow" *mon ami*. Your hands will soon be full with Russia in respect to Far Eastern affairs if it leaks out that, in conjunction with China, you are thwarting her schemes in the Pamir region and intend to checkmate her in Eastern Asia generally.

Then there was a pause; Fave, thinking he would thus "draw" John Bull, waited a minute or two to see what would issue from his rival, but getting no reply, returned to his desk. He hadn't been seated long when the booming at his end of the wire indicated that some potentate was "on the job" again, so, connecting his secret wire, he listened and heard the following:—"It is the name of this thing, the boat Korea and the Pamirs? Thought I was going to have a 'walk over.' The Greatest Power the world has ever known, or ever will know, cannot be thwarted in her self-imposed mission of world-wide civilisation and real progress."

JOHN BULL: Great Cress! That you again, Cass? For heaven's sake keep yourself to yourself in your right senses. Surely to goodness you know by this time that you are bound to find a solid bulwark of British bayonets barring your advance towards India or in the direction of Korea—if need be. But the latter is a matter that concerns Japan and China as well as me, and if C. and J. form an offensive and defensive alliance, in less than twenty years you'll find yourself driven clean out of the Amoor region and, *de facto*, be "as you was" one hundred years ago. Now, ring off, and leave me alone to deal with France just as I please.

Cass: Never! By the ghost of Peter the Great and by the spirits of all the Nikhilists martyred in late years, I'll never let you or any one else deal with *la belle France* single-handed. *Vive la France! A bas les dupes!*

JOHN BULL: Growl and snarl to your heart's content, but, forasmuch as you are bound to find a solid bulwark of British bayonets barring your advance towards India or in the direction of Korea—if need be. But the latter is a matter that concerns Japan and China as well as me, and if C. and J. form an offensive and defensive alliance, in less than twenty years you'll find yourself driven clean out of the Amoor region and, *de facto*, be "as you was" one hundred years ago. Now, ring off, and leave me alone to deal with France just as I please.

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KAISER: You'd better see to it that the connection between our Courts does not get crossed just now. If it does, vitally important "moves" may be rendered void of desirable results and our diplomacy become the laughing-stock of the whole world—and of the Czar in particular.

JOHN BULL: All right, Kaiser. Say! You know your weather—like the French and pick a quarrel with them one Mackenzie or Anier; (they're not hard to quarrel with) you want I have a go in at 'em) and then, as I'll have a free hand to act in the Far East, in the mean time, when to you representative to

Peking a string of questions with a view to getting, on these distracting questions of the hour,

MEHR LIGHT.

THE PLAGUE RECOGNITION FUND.

In view of the fact that, on the 18th January, we published a copy of Mr. William Blayney's balance sheet of the much-talked-of Black Plague Concerts, in which it was set forth that his concert had yielded a net balance of \$416.49, which had not then been paid by Mr. Blayney into the Plague Recognition Fund, we are greatly surprised to find to-day by the statement of gross receipts forwarded to this office by Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, Hon. Secretary to the Committee of the Plague Recognition Fund, that only \$307.83 has, (up to date) been paid into the Fund in question by Mr. Blayney. The financial statement referred to reads as follows:—

The following statement shows the receipts on account of the Plague Fund up to 12th March, 1895:

Subscriptions.....	\$7,703.45
Cheques (Mr. Blayney).....	97.83
Concerts at Canton (per Mr. J. J. Francis Q.C.).....	324.00
Interest.....	6.82
Total.....	\$8,032.10

T. SERCOMBE SMITH, Hon. Secretary, has to offer for not having paid in the whole of the net proceeds of the concert? If he has the balance of \$318.66 in his possession why has he not paid it in to the Recognition Fund? If he has not now in his possession the \$318.66 in question, where is it? Where has it gone? Who has it? These are questions which the public, who so liberally contributed towards the concert, is not only entitled to ask but to expect answers to. The way, how Mr. Blayney employed? Where is his friend Mr. W. G. Gray, late Head Master of Kowloon College?

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The following is a continuation of the report of the proceedings at the meeting of the Council held yesterday afternoon:—

THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.—I had been my intention to move to-day the adoption by this Council of certain bye-laws made by the Sanitary Board, but a letter has been received from the hon. unofficial member opposite (Mr. J. J. Kerwick) requesting that consideration of the bye-laws may be deferred and the Government to delay. I am, however, to point out that it is highly important that these bye-laws should be adopted and passed with as little delay as possible, as they involve matters of great importance to the health of this colony, and the Government regrets there should be any further delay.

Mr. Kerwick—I have to thank you for postponing these bye-laws for another opportunity of considering them. They were delivered to us on Saturday afternoon and the next day being Sunday there was very little time for consideration. My reason for asking for the postponement of their consideration is that there are several clauses in them which I am satisfied on further consideration it would be necessary to alter. (Applause.)

DEADLY WEAPONS.
The Acting Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to the carriage and possession of deadly weapons."

Mr. E. R. Bellifore—There will be no loan raised to pay this money.

The Acting Colonial Secretary—No; the present intention is to raise no loan.

Mr. C. P. Chater—Hear, hear.

The vote was then passed.

THE NEW CENTRAL MARKET.—The next minute I have to bring before you is one in which the Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of \$270, being salary of an overseer at the New Central Market, from 1st April next, at \$30 per month. I am not mentioning this is a new appointment, and it is one recommended by the Sanitary Board. They considered it was absolutely necessary that there should be an overseer at the new Central Market in order to keep an outlook on what was going on, in addition to the inspectors, who will not be allowed to spend the whole of their time in the market.

Mr. J. J. Kerwick—When will the market be opened?

The Acting Colonial Secretary—I hope it will be ready next month.

Mr. A. McCoskie—Will he be a native?

The Acting Colonial Secretary—The Sanitary Board has recommended the appointment of a Portuguese for the post. It is proposed that Mr. Soares, who has been interpreter to the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon for two years, should be appointed. Of course, if he is promoted it will be necessary to fill up the vacancy caused by the promotion.

The vote was passed.

IN RE THE HARBOUR DEPARTMENT.

The following is, we understand, the passing of the minutes of evidence led before the Retrenchment Committee and which was referred to in a letter published in our last issue, together with a report of the proceedings at a meeting of the Legislative Council, held yesterday afternoon:—

Mr. Justice Acland—Last year there was a commission composed of Dr. Ho Kai, Mr. Kerwick, the Acting Registrar General, and myself appointed to report on the emigration laws and it was then mentioned by Mr. Thompson, who was holding the office of Registrar General, that he had great reason for believing that there was a good deal of corruption on the part of the men who were passing in order to pass men who were never going on board. Have you heard of that?

Mr. Stewart Lockhart—Though I have not been told the names of the officers, I have heard that corruption exists. I think it is desirable that the matter should be under the direct supervision of an officer acquainted with Chinese, and do not wish for a moment to think of Mr. Thompson on the supervision of the Registrar General, regard it is impossible for him to be acquainted with Chinese to properly supervise the matter.

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Balance.....1,428,513.38
Of which \$979,574.38 represents unexpended balance of 1893 loan of £200,000.

N. G. MITCHELL-INNES,
Colonial Treasurer.
Treasury, Hongkong, 28th February, 1895.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee met immediately after the Council meeting yesterday, the Acting Colonial Secretary presiding.

THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.—The first minute I have to bring before the Committee is one in which the Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of \$800,000, being compensation to the owners and other persons having any right or interest in the lots of land within the resumed area of Tai Ping Shan, interest on the above from 1st June, 1894, to date of payment at 7 per cent, and costs awarded against the Crown by the Board of Arbitrators under the Tai Ping Shan Resumption Ordinance, 1894. This matter is so well known to members of the Council that I do not think it is necessary for me to give any explanation with regard to it. The Ordinance under which this money was to be paid was duly considered in the Legislative Council and was passed by the Council. The Arbitration under the Ordinance has taken place publicly in the papers, and the awards have also been published, so as I have already said, I do not think it is necessary to enter into details. If there are any questions which members of the Committee wish to ask I shall be very pleased to answer them.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer—I second that the vote at all. I have no objection to the vote at all, but I should like to know if the Government has made up its mind as to what is going to be done with the resumed property. We are going to vote \$800,000 and I should like to be informed if you can give me any information as to what is the intention of the Government—how they intend to deal with the property resumed.

The Acting Colonial Secretary—Although the question does not bear exactly upon this point, it is the desire of the Government to give all the information it possesses, and I may say with regard to that matter that the Director of Public Works has almost completed a scheme which he proposes in regard to the resumed area; and that report, when it is in the hands of Government, will be communicated to the unofficial members. The report is not yet completed, but it is approaching completion, and, as I have said, unofficial members will be given copies of the report. I hope you will consider that satisfactory.

WHO PAYS THE PIPER?

Mr. E. R. Bellifore—Apparently we have funds to vote this sum. Will you kindly tell us what purpose it comes out of?

